

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 4-10 and ADD new claim 11 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method for a computer network system having a plurality of clients, ~~comprising the steps which are executed in sequence of:~~

upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a system client to be managed, retrieving from a database, storing operations management policies corresponding to various the specified inventories inventory and creating a policy list detailing operations management policies suited to the inventories inventory specified by said inventory information;

~~transmitting-sending back~~ the created policy list to a manager;

upon receiving selection information indicating the selection by the manager of at least one operations management policy from said created policy list, retrieving from said database and ~~acquiring~~, the operations management policy specified by said selection information; and

~~transmitting the acquired-retrieved~~ operations management policy to the client to be managed.

2. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

appropriately storing said inventory information in a database; and

extracting a difference between said inventory information and the inventory information stored in said database when said inventory information is received,

wherein said step of creating a policy list, retrieves from said database and creates a policy list suited to the inventory specified by said difference.

3. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

appropriately storing in a database usage frequencies of the operations management policies applied to said clientsystem to be managed; and

appending the usage frequencies stored in said database to each of the operations management policies detailed in said policy list.

4. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method according to claim 3, wherein said usage frequency comprises; the number of references, the operating time and the number of applications of each of the operations management policies applied to said clientsystem to be managed.

5. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method for a computer network system having a plurality of clients, comprising ~~the steps which are executed in sequence of:~~

upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a system-client to be managed, retrieving from a database, storing operations management policies corresponding to various ~~the specified inventories-inventory~~ and acquiring operations management policies suited to the ~~inventories-inventory~~ specified by said inventory information; and

~~transmitting-sending back~~ the acquired operations management ~~policy~~policies to the client.

6. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method according to claim 5, further comprising ~~the step of:~~

setting for each operations management policy whether or not ~~the~~ deletion is allowable, wherein said step of acquiring said operations management ~~policy~~policies necessarily acquires those operations management policies set as non-deletable policies regardless of their usage frequency.

7. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing apparatus for a computer network system having a plurality of clients, comprising:

a database storing operations management policies corresponding to various inventories;

list creating means for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a system-client to be managed, retrieving policies

from said database and creating a policy list detailing operations management policies suited to the ~~inventories~~ inventory specified by said inventory information;

list transmission means for transmitting the policy list created by said list creating means to a manager;

policy ~~acquiring~~ retrieving means for, upon receiving selection information indicating the selection by the manager of at least one operations management policy from said policy list, retrieving from said database and ~~acquiring~~ the operations management policy specified by said selection information; and

policy transmission means for transmitting the operations management policy ~~acquired~~ retrieved by said policy ~~acquiring~~ retrieving means to the client to be managed.

8. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing apparatus for a computer network system having a plurality of clients, comprising:

a database storing operations management policies corresponding to various inventories;

policy ~~acquiring~~ retrieving means for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a system-client to be managed, retrieving from said database, and ~~acquiring~~ operations management policies suited to the ~~inventories~~ inventory specified by said inventory information; and

policy transmission means for transmitting the operations management policies ~~acquired~~ retrieved by said policy ~~acquiring~~ retrieving means to the client to be managed.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A computer readable storage for controlling a computer, comprising an operations management policy distributing program for a computer network system having a plurality of clients, for executing on a computer and comprising:

a list creating function for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a system-client to be managed, retrieving from a database, storing operations management policies corresponding to ~~various~~ the specified inventories inventory and creating a policy list detailing operations management policies suited to the ~~inventories~~ inventory specified by said inventory information;

a list transmission function for transmitting the policy list created by said list creating function to a manager;

a policy ~~acquiring~~ retrieving function for, upon receiving selection information indicating the selection by the manager of at least one operations management policy from said policy list,

retrieving from said database and ~~acquiring~~ the operations management policy specified by said selection information; and

a policy transmission function for transmitting the operations management policy ~~acquired-retrieved~~ by said policy ~~acquiring-retrieving~~ function to the client to be managed.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A computer readable storage for controlling a computer, comprising an operations management policy distributing program for a computer network system having a plurality of clients, for executing on a computer and comprising:

a policy acquiring function for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a system-client to be managed, retrieving from a database, storing operations management policies corresponding to ~~various-the specified inventories-inventory~~ and acquiring a policy list detailing operations management policies suited to the ~~inventories-inventory~~ specified by said inventory information; and

a policy transmission function for transmitting the operations management ~~policy-policies~~ acquired by said policy acquiring function.

11. (New) An operations management policy distributing method for a computer network system having a plurality of clients, comprising:

receiving a configuration based upon one of hardware and software from each client to be managed;

retrieving from a database, operations management policies suited to each configuration and creating policy lists detailing operations management policies suited each configuration;

providing the created policy lists to a manager of the computer network system for a selection of one policies for each client to be managed, wherein the manager is provided with a policy rating based upon a number of clients operating under the corresponding policy, overall operation time of the corresponding policy among the plurality of clients, and a number of applications running on the client to be managed;

upon receiving the selection from the manager, retrieving from the database, the operations management policy specified by the selection; and

sending the retrieved operations management policy to each client to be managed.